

## Logistics for 2011 WRP Meeting

### Hotel:

THE WASHINGTON INN (<http://www.thewashingtoninn.com>)

495 Tenth Street, Oakland, CA 94607

- Call (510) 452-1776 BEFORE September 27th to make your reservation and use the code WRPANS; the meeting rates are NOT available on-line.
- Single Queen Beds @ \$79 plus Tax per Night (30-35 available); Double Two Beds @ \$89 plus Tax per Night (6-8 available); King w/parlor Suite @ \$99 plus Tax per Night (2 available, however, this is above the \$94 federal rate)
- The hotel is extending the meeting rates 2 days before and after the official meeting dates for folks wanting to extend their stay.
- According to WRP Chair Karen McDowell "This is a boutique hotel (an older building that has been remodeled into a modern hotel). The rooms are a bit smaller than normal, but all of the furnishings are high quality." You can view the accommodations on their website.

**Local Transportation and Information:** The 12<sup>th</sup> Street City Center BART Train stop is located within one block of the Washington Inn. This will provide you quick access to the airports and San Francisco ([www.bart.gov](http://www.bart.gov)). The meeting is located in downtown Oakland and is surrounded by a series of restaurants, breweries, coffee shops, etc. China Town is two blocks away from the hotel and has a series of restaurants and shops ([www.oaklandchinatownchamber.org](http://www.oaklandchinatownchamber.org)). Jack London Square is 10 blocks away on the Oakland Waterfront and has more restaurants, a kayak rental shop, the ferry stop, and the AMTRAK Station ([www.jacklondonsquare.com](http://www.jacklondonsquare.com)). There is a free green bus that operates between the hotel and the waterfront from 7 AM – 7 PM on weekdays ([www.meetdowntownoak.com/shuttle.php](http://www.meetdowntownoak.com/shuttle.php)). If you want to go to SF you can take BART or go the more scenic route, via the Alameda/Oakland Ferry from Jack London Square ([www.eastbayferry.com](http://www.eastbayferry.com)). The AMTRAK station is located in Jack London Square if you need an easy ride to Sacramento or other AMTRAK locations ([www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)). Both Oakland and San Francisco have extensive bus systems: AC Transit in Oakland ([www.actransit.org](http://www.actransit.org)) and MUNI in San Francisco ([www.sfmta.com/cms/mhome/home50.htm](http://www.sfmta.com/cms/mhome/home50.htm)). 511.org is also a good tool for trip planning.

**Oakland Airport:** The Oakland Airport (OAK) is the most convenient airport. You can either take a cab (approximately \$25 plus tip) or public transit (\$4.75). The AirBART shuttle bus will take you directly to the BART station and it runs every 10 minutes from 5 AM – Midnight\* (Check modified schedule for Sundays and Holidays). You should have \$3.00 exactly for the shuttle bus, then purchase a \$1.75 BART ticket at the BART station. Take the Richmond train (approximately 10 minutes), then get off at the 12<sup>th</sup> Street City Center Oakland BART stop, exit toward 11<sup>th</sup> street. Walk one block down Broadway and turn right on 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**San Francisco Airport (SFO):** If you fly into SFO you should take BART to Oakland (a shuttle or cab would be very expensive). Take the airport tram to the BART station. Purchase a BART ticket for \$8.40 one way. Take BART directly from SFO to Oakland by catching the Pittsburgh/Bay Point Train (40 Minute train ride)\*. Get off at the 12<sup>th</sup> Street City Center Oakland BART stop, exit toward 11<sup>th</sup> street. Walk one block down Broadway and turn right on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. \*Note that when returning to the Airport, not all San Francisco BART trains will take you to the airport (if you have to change trains, travel time will increase).

### Fun Things To Do (within reach of local transit):

Check out Chinatown and/or Jack London Square

Oakland Farmer's Market – Just outside the hotel on Friday's from 8 AM – 2 PM

Yoshi's Jazz Club in Jack London Square (This is a small venue that attracts headlining acts).

Lake Merritt in Oakland (Lake Chalet restaurant on the water, gondola rides, Fairyland for kids, etc.)

Take Ferry or BART to SF (Ferry Building, Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz, museums, shopping, etc.)

SF Ferry Building Farmers Market on Saturday 8 AM – 2 PM (take Ferry or BART)

Ferry to Angel Island to hike or bike (Ferry leaves Oakland at 9 AM returns at 3:10 PM on weekends only)

San Francisco Biking (Rent bikes and ride across the Golden Gate Bridge, down into Sausalito and take the ferry back; or Rent bikes and ride around Golden Gate Park or along the waterfront).

Transportation needed for the following: Hiking, wine tasting, camping etc.